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OUR BIRTHDAY.

With this issue THE CITIZEN enters upon its tenth year. Nine years have passed since it appeared in the journalistic world and another year has begun. THE CITIZEN has had no birthday party; the fact is it had quite forgotten the time of its birth. Some of its readers may have thought it younger, while others judged it to be older. New subscriptions, though not regarded in the light of birthday gifts, will be thankfully received. Honest criticism THE CITIZEN welcomes and values; approval truly and sincerely given it is grateful for. Such gifts we will frankly say it likes to have. The years fly quickly by. These solemn divisions of time influence our feelings as they recur. They cannot but do so.

The life of a newspaper is not measured by years. "Events are sometimes the best calendar," said Lord Beaconsfield, and this applies in the case of the newspaper. THE CITIZEN has put off its swaddling clothes and taken on the dress of manhood. It has grown larger and better-looking with age. Its growth has not been abnormally rapid. Very rapid growth weakens. The maple shoots up faster than the oak, but it never reaches the oak's height, breadth, strength or age.

THE CITIZEN is healthy. It naturally would be with such a good circulation. It needs no medicine, though it is ever ready to take the tonic of wholesome advice. A life of a newspaper, unfortunately, is not an insurable interest. If it were, we think THE CITIZEN would be an excellent risk.

THE CITIZEN is not pessimistic in its views, and does not intend to become so. A pessimist has been defined as person who finds a worm in every cherry. Most of our cherries we find to be sound. Many changes have taken place in the last ten years, and most o them are for the better. The town is more likely to be well governed now than it was before. The improvements of material character have been marked, and we think the moral advancement has kept step with the material.

Some people make birthdays the time for good resolutions. Resolutions are too often followed by dissolution. THE CITIZEN made its good resolutions nine years ago, and has been trying to keep them and will continue in its efforts to do so. This paper lives for the ad vancement of the best interests of the town with which it is identified and whose name it bears. Its voice will ever be raised in behalf of those measures which it deems will be most likely to promote the welfare of the place it loves and whose prosperity it so much de

A Handel festival will be given in the First Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue and Twelfth Street, New York by Mr. William C. Carl, in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first performance of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," next Saturday, May 14, at 4 o'clock, when Mr. Carl will be assisted by Miss Ida Hubbell, soprano; Mr. Wm. H. Rieger, tenor; Mr. Eriesson F. Bushnell, basso; Mr. Wm A. Brice, organist, and a full chorus. The recital will be free.

Received \$6,000 Damages.

James E. Ellor, who was so seriously injured several months ago by being knocked down by a train that came into the station while the train on which he was a passenger was also at the station, began a suit against the railroad company for damages. The suit will be discontinued, as Mr. Ellor has accepted \$6,000 damages from the company.

A Bequest to the German Theological Seminary.

The will of the late Daniel Price of Newark was offered for probate in the Surrogate's office last Thursday. Among the many bequests to religious and charitable institutions is one of \$10,000 to the German Theological Seminary of Bloomfield.

The platform at the Glen Ridge station on the D., L. & W. R. R. was damaged by fire last Wednesday morning. The flames were discovered by Agent Moritz, who, with the assistance of his son. extinguished them before they spread.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Received a Visit From the Health In-

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN: SIR: Some days ago a man came to my house, went into my barn without permission, perforated the ears of my cows and put brass tags with numbers thereon into them, and went away. week later he came again, but at this time had the decency to come to the house before entering the barn-possibly because he feared my dog. Upon being remonstrated with for his impertinent intrusion, he threw back his coat and exposed a metal shield, said he was a Health Inspector with orders and power to examine all cows, as pleuro-pneumonia was prevalent.

Upon inquiry it appears that others have been served in the same summary manner, and in many instances cows have been forcibly driven away, their owners being assured that if not returned the sum of twenty-five dollars each can be recovered, but how, when, or where, is not stated. In some instances the animals are worth twice and thrice that sum, and there is nothing to prevent their being removed under the plea of contagion, and sold by and for the benefit of the so-called inspector-no opportunity being given for an examination by a veterinary surgeon to verify

the statements of the alleged inspector. This may be all right, lawful, and in the interest of the public health, but in the first place I deny the right of any man to assume such a liberty without exhibiting his authority, and in the second place protest against so summary a manner of procedure whereby no man is protected from fraud and robbery.

The action of the Government in taking such excellent precaution to protect my cows is in startling contrast to its other action in allowing man to plant a saloon near my property to depreciate its value and to interfere with the peace and comfort of my family without my consent. Of course I shall exhaust all efforts to protect myself in each instance, but why is the Government so chary of efforts to protect my family and so eager to protect my cows? Is this a comparative estimate of the value of each as made by the State. E. A. S. GLEN RIDGE, May 3.

OBITUARY.

Thomas C. Dodd.

Thomas C. Dodd, a well known and highly esteemed resident of this town, died at his home No. 799 Bloomfield Avenue, on Saturday of last week, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. Mr. Dodd had been an invalid for years, suffering from a complication of diseases that

baffled medical skill. He leaves a widow and seven children—Edward C. Dodd, Mrs. Mary W. Simpson, Joseph H. Dodd, 175. Orrin C. Dodd, Mrs. Annie L. Schouler, Mrs. Helen Bartholomew, and Allison Dodd.

The funeral services were held at the house on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The Rev. Dr. H. W. Ballantine, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Dodd was a member, officiated.

Mr. Dodd was a descendant of the early settlers of Essex County, and was of the third generation of the family born and brought up in Bloomfield. His grandfather was Joseph Dodd, and his father Zophar B. Dodd, who was for sixty years an elder in the First Presbyterian Church and one of the founders of the Bloomfield Savings Institution.

Mr. Dodd was born in Bloomfield on January 12, 1818, in the house on Liberty Street formerly occupied by Isaac N. Dodd. He was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, in 1837, and entered the legal profession. Among his classmates were Judge John Porter, an eminent lawyer, and Judge Fullerton, who also attained eminence at the bar. The friendship between Judge Porter and Mr. Dodd was life-long. Among the men starting in life with Mr. Dodd, and with whom he enjoyed an acquaintance, was the Hon. William M.

Mr. Dodd subsequently gave up the law business and entered mercantile life as a ship chandler at No. 27 Coenties Slip, New York city, under the firm name of Dodd & Kelly.

He resumed his residence in Bloomfield in 1868, and on May 9, 1871, with his father and others organized the Bloomfield Savings Institution. He was a member of the Board of Directors twenty-one years, and for eighteen years held the position of Treasurer of the institution.

Will be Sold for Unpaid Taxes.

Tax Collector A. C. Marr has issued notice to all persons who have not paid their taxes for the year 1890 that he will at the next meeting of the Township Committee make application for a warrant for the sale of the real estate on which the taxes remain unpaid.

Scuffing for Dollars. To get the dollars we have to scuffle for them-no mistake about that; but there are different ways of going about it, and if you are not satisfied with your progress at present, then write to B. F. JOHNSON & Co., Richmond, Va., who can give you a good pointer or two. Read carefully their advertisement in another column, and write them at once. "The early bird," etc .- Advt.

Oxford ties at Shoenthals. - Advt.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

Their Second Complimentary Concert will be Given Next Wednesday Night-The second concert of the Madrigal Society will be given in the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening next. The Society will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Tyler Dutton, soprano Miss Bertha Webb, violinist: Mr. Frank Drake, accompanist, and a very attrac-Reduction in Prices. tive programme will be presented. limited number of tickets have been sent to the associate members, and no loubt a large and representative dience will be present. The concerts o the Madrigal Society are all complimentary, and are given for the purpose of creating a taste for good music. The last concert was given on the 16th of last December, and was listened to with marked enjoyment by a large and fashionable audience. These concerts come none too often, and those who fall to attend will miss a rare treat.

The Olympic.

The first week at the Olympic has been successful one financially and socially. The attendance has been large every afternoon and evening. The bowling alleys, billiard and pool tables have been kept in constant use. On Friday evening of last week an invitation opening took Place, and it was a brilliant affair. About three hundred ladies and gentlemen were present. They were delighted with the beautiful appearance of the interior of the building. Everybody enjoyed themselves. It was undoubtedly one of the finest social gatherings ever held in this town. Music was furnished by Prof. Piderit of this town and Fischer of Newark.

At the public opening on Saturday night the rooms were crowded with young men and boys, some of whom behaved in a very unruly manner and had to be ejected from the building. The experience of Saturday night has led the proprietor to make a change in the method of conducting the place. Hereafter admission will be by card only, and Mr. Gardner reserves the right to exercise his own discretion in the distribution of the cards.

The Olympic was opened for business on Monday. The attendance has been good every afternoon and evening during the week.

On Wednesday night professional bowlers from Newark, members of the "Americas" and "Echo" clubs, tested the alleys and were very much pleased

A local club of ladies and gentlemen has been formed and have engaged two alleys for Friday night of each week.

A record of the highest scores made on the alleys is kept. E. Van Winkle's score of 191 is the highest made by any local bowler. George Cook is next with 189, and the Rev. E. W. White third with

Miss Alice Seymour's score of 110 is the highest made by any of the young

A Parable for Theologians.

The Rev. Dr. Princeton and the Rev. Dr. Union were walking in a New Jer sev forest one day when they saw hickory nut lying in the path before them. Dr. Princeton picked up the hickory nut and said:

"This is a hickory nut."

"You are wrong," said Dr. Union. That is not a hickory nut. It only contains a hickory nut. Now you can eat a bickory nut. But you cannot eat that hard substance in your haid, which contains the hickory nut."

"I say it is a hickory nut," said Dr Princeton, sternly.

"And I say it contains a hickory nut." answered Dr. Union.

Dr. Princeton adjusted his sidewhiskers, and Dr. Union took off his clerical vest and threw the hickory net at Dr Princeton. Dr. Princeton laid aside hi spectacles, and tried to chastise Dr. Union with a green hickory switch. last accounts the fight was still on, and a higher critic was holding Dr. Union's coat, while a whole presbytery was tak ing turns in looking at them through Dr. Princeton's spectacles.

Bloomfield Arcanumites to Visit in Newark next Monday.

At the meeting of Corinthian Council. Royal Arcanum, in Newark on Monday night Grand Regent McDowell and th Grand Officers of the State will b present. The occasion will be a re union, and the lodge will estertain members from the various throughout Essex County, including Bloomfield Council.

Illegal Fishing.

David Wilson and James Caveritch Newark were arrested by Officer Collins last Sunday on the charge of fishing with a drop net in the Second River. Justice Post, after hearing the case fined the prisoners and discharged them with a warning not to fish with nets i the waters of the State again.

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